

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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Visa to Students

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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- (a) whether there is an increase in the total number of visas issued by the US to Indian students during the last three years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there has also been an increase in the total number of students going to European nations as compared to the US during the above period; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
[GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD)]

(a) & (b) The number of visas issued by the US Government to Indian students during 2013 to 2015, as per information published by Education USA program (supported by the United States State Department), is as follows:

Year Number of F1 Visas issued by US to Indian Students

2013 36141

2014 56653

2015 74831

(c) & (d) The total number of students enrolled in the UK Universities have gone down from 22,385 in 2012-13 to 18,320 in 2014-15, according to the data published by the UK Higher Education International Unit. However, as per available information, there has been no significant change in the number of Indian students studying in other European countries.